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Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

Addendum

Item 2: Reports of the Commissions to the Trade and Development Board

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a) Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, fifth session, 19 – 23 February and 23 March 2001

The Commission on Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities held its fifth session from 19 to 23 February 2001 and on 23 March 2001. The report of the session is contained in documents TD/B/COM.1/L.13–Add.1, 2 and 3.

Under its agenda item 3, "Major agricultural concerns of developing countries: impact of the reform process in agriculture on LDCs and net food importing developing countries and ways to address their concerns in multilateral trade negotiations", the Commission held in-depth policy discussions on the issues involved on the basis of the outcome of the Expert Meeting (TD/B/COM.1/31–TD/B/COM.1/EM.11/3) and the related secretariat note (TD/B/COM.1/36). It adopted agreed recommendations addressed to Governments, the international community and UNCTAD (see TD/B/COM.1/L.15).

Under its agenda item 4, "Analysis of ways to enhance the contribution of specific services sectors to the development perspectives of developing countries: national experiences with regulations and liberalization: examples in the construction services sector and its contribution to the development of developing countries", the Commission examined the relevant issues on the basis of the outcome of the Expert Meeting, as contained in its report (TD/B/COM.1/32–TD/B/COM.1/EM.12/3) and the related secretariat note (TD/B/COM.1/37). The Commission adopted agreed recommendations addressed to Governments, the international community and UNCTAD (see TD/B/COM.1/L.14).

Under its agenda item 5, "The sustainable use of biological resources: systems and national experiences for the protection of traditional knowledge, innovations and practices", the Commission had before it the report of the Expert Meeting (TD/B/COM.1/33–TD/B/COM.1/EM.13/3) and the related secretariat note (TD/B/COM.1/38) which served as the basis for the policy discussions during the session. It adopted agreed recommendations addressed to Governments, the international community and UNCTAD (see TD/B/COM.1/L.16).

Under its agenda item 6, "Analysis of market access issues facing developing countries: impact of anti-dumping and countervailing actions", the Commission discussed the relevant issues on the basis of the outcome of the Expert Meeting (TD/B/COM.1/34–TD/B/COM.1/EM.14/3) and the related secretariat note (TD/B/COM.1/39). It adopted agreed recommendations addressed to Governments, the international community and UNCTAD (see TD/B/COM.1/L.17). In addition to this document and with respect to recommendations to UNCTAD, the Chairman presented a summary (see TD/B/COM.1/L.18) which identified certain areas where consensus could not be reached on agreed recommendations.

Under agenda item 7, "Other business", the Commission approved a draft provisional agenda for its next sixth session (see TD/B/COM.1/L.19).